ITT Says Real Note Is Found

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Doesn't Link Money, Suits, Company Says

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The International Tele phone and Telegraph Corp claimed last night that i had discovered the tru memorandum written b lobbyist Dita D. Beard las June.

The company said it con tains no references to a lin between settlement of ant trust cases against ITT an the conglomerate's pledge o at least $200,000 to the Re publican National Conver tion.

Mrs. Beard's real meme said William R. Merriam head of ITT's Washington o fice, "made absolutely no re erence to the antitrust cases.

Instead, Merriam quoted th memo as saying:

"The negotiations for th 1972 convention being held o ITT properties in San Dieg have been wholly my respons bility. If this possibility b comes fact, it obviously mean unbuyable publicity for ITT!

Merriam said in an affidavi —one of three submitted a "important new evidence" t the Senate Judiciary Commi tee—that the actual mem dated June 25, 1971, had bee discovered "within the pas two days."

Discovery of what IT called the true memo, Me riam claimed, "flatly contr dicts the allegations that pri to this date a deal had bee made to bring the conventio to San Diego and to settle th antitrust cases in return f ITT's support of the conve tion."

Those allegations grew ou of the publication by syndi cated columnist Jack Ande son of a memo allegedly wri ten by Mrs. Beard that di tinctly connected the antitru settlement to the conventio contribution.

ITT said that the three ne affidavits would prove concl sively "that the so-calle Beard memorandum of M Jack Anderson was a fraud."

The Beard memorandu produced by ITT last nigh was a general review of th lobbyist's work in the Was ington office and include only the one paragraph quote by Merriam about the Sa Diego convention.

It included a number c scribblings and editing mark in the margins, which an IT spokesman said had bee added at corporate headqua ters in New York.

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were the terms of its financial commitment to the convention, however, White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said last Friday that President Nixon has no plans to make the new Sheraton his convention headquarters.

The other two affidavits produced by ITT last night were signed by Susan Lichtman, who said she was Mrs. Beard's temporary secretary in the ITT office here last June, and Russell J. Tagliareni, security administrator for ITT.

Mrs. Lichtman, now living in Toronto, said that "I do not recall typing many memoranda for Mrs. Beord, but when I did her style was informal but lively."

"I do recall typing during my employment a memorandum having to do with the San Diego convention," Mrs. Lichtman said. "I do not recall the date when I typed such a memorandum. I did work on

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Mrs. Beard, in a statement last Friday from her room at the Rocky Mountain Osteopathic Hospital in Denver, claimed that the document published by Anderson was a "forgery" and a "hoax."

At the time, however, her attorney, David W. Fleming, told reporters that the true memorandum had been destroyed and could not be reconstructed.

ITT offered no explanation of why it had taken so long to discover the real Beard memorandum.

Company officials have already testified before the Senate Committee that after discovering Anderson had a document purportedly from ITT files, they fed a substantial quantity of office files into a shredding machine.

Merriam said in his affidavit that the newly discovered Beard memorandum "directly corroborates the testimony of (ITT president Harold S.) Geneen that ITT's purpose in making the pledge to the San Diego convention and tourist bureau was to obtain the 'unbuyable publicity for ITT' that would result if its new hotel was to serve as the presidential headquarters" during the GOP convention.

The Sheraton Hotel subsidiary of ITT currently runs two hotels in San Diego and has a third one under construction.

Contrary to what ITT claims

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June 25, 1971. I might have typed such a memorandum on that date, although I am not sure."

But Mrs. Lichtman said she had "carefully examined and re-examined" the version of the Beard memorandum published by Anderson, a copy of which was attached to her affidavit.

"To the best of my knowledge and belief," she added, "I am sure that had I typed" the Anderson version, "I would have remembered the sentences which I have bracketed and initialed because of the implications contained in them."

Among the sentences brack-

eted by Mrs. Lichtman were these:

• "I am convinced, because of several conversations with Louie re Mitchell that our noble commitment has gone a long way toward our negotiations on the mergers eventually coming out as Hal wants them."

• "Certainly the President has told Mitchell to see that things are worked out fairly. It is still only McLaren's mickey-mouse we are suffering."

• "If it gets too much publicity, you can believe our negotiations with Justice will wind up shot down. Mitchell is definitely helping us, but cannot let it be known."

It has been assumed that in the Anderson version of the Beard memorandum "Louie" referred to former Kentucky Gov. Louie B. Nunn, "Mitchell" to former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, "Hal" to ITT president Harold Geneen, and "McLaren" to former Assistant Attorney General Richard W. McLaren.

Mrs. Lichtman also said in her affidavit that "at no time during my employment with ITT did I ever receive the impression of any 'deal' concerning the San Diego convention or any relationship or connection whatever between the convention and the antitrust lawsuits involving the company."

She said she was employed at ITT here between May 24 and July 14 of last year.

"Being, I believe, a trusted employee and working at a small office in which there was frequent interchange among the employees during the period of my employment," Mrs. Lichtman continued, "I believe that had there been any deal or connection, I would have had an inkling about it."

In testimony previously given before the Senate committee, ITT officials have referred to Mrs. Beard's secretary by the name "Beverly."

Bernard A. Goodrich, a spokesman for ITT here, said last night that the memorandum which Mrs. Lichtman recalls typing may not be the same one that has now been discovered as having been received by Merriam.

Tagliareni's affidavit said that he had interviewed Mrs. Lichtman in Toronto on March 2, when she made "substantially the same" statements as in the affidavit filed yesterday.

The security official said that Mrs. Lichtman told him "that she read very carefully memoranda which she typed, and that because of the moral implications involved (in the Anderson version), she would have reacted to those sentences and discussed them with Mrs. Beard."

Tagliareni added that Mrs. Lichtman "said that she frequently engaged in political discussions with Mrs. Beard and they frequently disagreed on matters of politics."

There were these other developments in the ITT case yesterday:

• A spokesman for the Senate Judiciary Committee confirmed that the original copy of the Anderson version of the Beard memorandum, which had been submitted in evidence, was turned over to the Justice Department for a "routine FBI check as to authenticity."

• Anderson, in a letter to Committee Chairman James O. Eastland (D-Miss.) protested "the extreme impropriety of allowing a party in interest in a congressional investigation to take possession of a vital piece of evidence."

• Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania said that he could not vouch for the accuracy of Mrs. Beard's statement in Denver last Friday. Scott had released the lobbyist's statement in Washington, but said, "I don't know whether Mrs. Beard's testimony will stand up to cross examination."

• Scott said he would not participate in any further sessions of the Judiciary Committee hearings, originally convened at the resquest of Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, until Mrs. Beard has been heard from.

Senate sources said that "boycott talk" was spreading among Republican members of the committee.

• A subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, headed by Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Mich.), postponed a decision on when it would go to Denver to interview Mrs. Beard, because of pending business on the Senate floor.

• Democrats on the Judiciary Committee said they were determined to press ahead with the hearings on Wednesday, regardless of any Republican boycott.

A staff aide to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said of the boycott: "Well, that's fine. We'll get something done."

• California Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr., son of the former Democratic governor of that state, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, seeking to force the Republican National Committee to reject ITT's offer of funds for the San Diego convention.

Brown claimed that the corporate contribution violated the federal Corrupt Practices Act.